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ONE CENT

REPLACING OLD ROAD A COSTLY PROCEEDING

Railroad to Build New
Highway at North
Charleroi

TOTAL COST IS \$50,000

Necessary to Buy Real Estate
and to Move Houses Before
Work Can Begin

It will cost the Pennsylvania Railroad company \$50,000, excluding the cost of construction to replace a portion of the old public road which runs from the station at North Charleroi borough to the government property at the lock proper. This amount represents approximately the purchase price of a number of properties which it was necessary to buy there. The cost of moving houses and the cost of building the road will be separate. The railroad company agreed to rebuild the road only after North Charleroi borough council had instructed their attorney, D. M. McCloskey, of Charleroi to enter suit in the county courts compelling them to do the work.

The stretch of road to be built is perhaps a short quarter of a mile in extent. It is claimed that when the railroad some years ago was building their line up the Monongahela valley under the name of Pittsburgh, Virginia, and Charleston, they simply occupied a portion of the public road without asking leave. The present North Charleroi council was the first body to take up the matter of securing a righting of the supposed wrong. When the attorney was given instructions to start mandamus proceedings to compel the railroad to show cause why it should not replace the road, a halt was called. The railroad said it would build. Since then it has been buying up the necessary properties. Today a contract was signed with L. A. McVey, the local house mover to clear the properties purchased of buildings.

Among the properties bought were the following: two McGowan houses and lots, \$6,000; Cooper property, \$7,000; John Hogan property, \$4,800; portion of Speakman property, \$1,500; two lots from Mercantile Bridge company represented by George E. Tener, \$1,600; Kibler property \$2,500 and the S. J. Richardson estate, \$5,000. Some property was secured from the Valley Crystal Ice and Storage company. An offer has been made by the railroad company to S. A. Walton for real estate he holds, but the deal has not been closed yet. The reconstruction of the road will not be unusually costly, unless it is bridged, and it is understood that this will not be done. However, it is a safe guess that they will spend \$50,000 or more before they get through with it.

Send Magazines for Xmas, Might's Book Store. 126-11

Notice.
Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby, a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection. 118-12

Pipes and Cigars at Might's. 126-11

Doll Too Late; Child is Dead

Five-Year-Old Wins Contest
and Then Becomes a Victim of Diphtheria

"A big doll, with blond hair, blue eyes and with blue ribbons on her dress," is the kind of doll five-year-old Anna Stacia Mahoney requested her mother to ask from a Pittsburgh newspaper just before she dropped into her last deep sleep last week. After winning a doll contest conducted by the newspaper the girl, who is the daughter of Mrs. Johanna Mahoney of McKean avenue, became afflicted with diphtheria, and after a brief battle with the dread disease her spirit gave up the fight. Her name was published Monday among the winners of the contest. The doll will be sent to the child's mother as a remembrance.

NOTED AUTHOR COMING

Opie Read to Deliver
Lecture in Charleroi
Tomorrow Night

IS VERSATILE WRITER

One of the best known writers in the English speaking part of the world and a lecturer of more than usual ability, Opie Read will appear Friday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church in the second number of the Citizens' Entertainment course. His lecture will be on the theme of one of his books.

Opie Read is a most entertaining speaker as he is a writer. His characterizations proclaim him a natural born actor as well as a natural born novelist. In fact he has appeared on the stage in the leading role of one of his best known books, "The Starbuckers."

A Kentuckian by birth as well as by preference, he is primarily a Kentucky novelist. The scenes in nearly all of his novels are laid in the blue hills of his native land and his queer, quaint characters are mostly Kentucky folks. One of the best known characters in American literature is his "Old Time Jinkins," from the novel "The Jinkins."

Dancing Xmas Afternoon and Night.
Donora Bank Hall, Donora, Pa.
Dancing 2:30 and 8:30. 126-15

Latest Books at Might's. 126-11
Why not Books for Xmas, Might's. 126-11

Dancing Xmas Eve.
Might's Auditorium, Tuesday night,
December 24 at 8:30. Wheeler's orchestra. 126-15

WORKS IN INTEREST OF LOCAL LIBRARY

Representative of Free Library Commission
Spends Day Visiting—Subscriptions Necessary to Start Institution

Inspired by frequent requisitions upon the State Library by women's societies of Charleroi and a request for the use of the traveling feature by Young People's Christian Temperance Union library in the Odd Fellow's building, Miss Anna McDonald, representing the State Free Library Commission of Harrisburg paid a visit to Charleroi Tuesday. Her mission was to look over the field with a view of extending the library here and a meeting was held at the reading rooms of the association in the evening. Not many were present and Miss McDonald made a tour of the town Wednesday forenoon in the interests of the project.

As stated the mission of the State Free Library Commission is to aid and abet the free library movement in the state. No state aid is furnished, but the members of the state commission will assist in the organization and will train a librarian and start the project along practical and systematic lines. At the borough and school board both have the power to levy taxation for library purposes, the object on the part of the commission is to interest the communities where there is a good field in the library extension movement. The state library loans books to women's clubs, and the traveling branch has a system for passing along small cases of selected books in various communities under certain conditions, but the

function of the commission is to organize and start the library movement on practical lines for the various communities.

Miss McDonald states that in most small towns the initiatory movement is usually started by subscriptions. Memberships are taken and the proceeds are used to maintain the library and funds are raised in various forms. After a good start is made, the library is eventually maintained by local taxation. It is essential however, to start and conduct the library according to the working system adopted by all public libraries, with the institution in charge of a practical librarian.

Various societies and individuals were asked to consider the project, and if it is deemed feasible to put it in operation. Miss McDonald said that by utilizing the quarters of the library of the Young People's Christian Temperance Union, it would be possible to make a start with a fund of about \$700, although more would be better. She said that according to an act passed in 1887 the dog tax collected in the boroughs is supposed to be devoted to a free library fund. This, according to Burgess George W. Risbeck, is approximately \$300, which is now turned into the borough fund. It is probable that the various interests appealed to will investigate the matter and if the plan is considered feasible the State Commission will be called upon to help in the organization.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

Answers to Questions We
Have Been Asked
About It

What is the Purpose of the Christmas Savings Club?

The purpose is to help you and others accumulate a fund for Christmas. In What Manner Does The Christmas Savings Club Accomplish This Purpose?

By each member paying in a small sum each week for 50 weeks. Two weeks before Christmas each member will receive the total amount paid in with 3 per cent. interest.

Does Everybody Pay in the Same Amount?

No. There are three classes and numbered respectively 1, 2, and 3. The payments are different in each class. What Are the Payments in Class 1?

The payments are 1c the first week, 2c the 2d week, 3c the 3d week, and so on for 50 weeks, making the payment for the last week 50 cents.

Do the Payments in the Other Classes Progress the Same Way?

They do. The only difference is that in Class 2 the first payment is 2 cents the first week, 4c the 2d week, 6c the 3d week, and so on for 50 weeks.

In Class 3 the first payment is 5 cents the 1st week, 10c the 2d week, 15c the 3d week and so on for 50 weeks.

Is There a Membership Fee or is There Any Cost to Join?

No.

What Do I Do to Become a Member?

All that is necessary is to go to the Charleroi Savings & Trust Company, Charleroi, ask to be enrolled as a member and make the first week's payment or more.

What Will the First Payment Be?

It will be 1c, 2c or 5c, according to the class you join.

How Are the Payments to be Made?

Weekly or in advance for as many weeks as you desire.

What Will Happen if I Cannot Keep Up My Payments or Discontinue?

You may discontinue for any reason at any time, and at the period when the club closes, you will get a check for all you have paid in, but in such a case no interest will be allowed.

When and How Can I Withdraw?

Under no circumstances will any withdrawals, either in whole or in part, be allowed. What you deposit will be held for you until two weeks before Christmas.

What Form Of Receipt Do I Get When I Make Payments?

For every week paid you will receive a small receipt in coupon form, which you will keep in the envelope we give you when the account is opened.

What Would Happen if My Coupon Receipts or Bank Book Were Lost, Stolen or Destroyed?

As we have a complete record of the payments of every member we will pay your share to you whether you have the receipts or not. The receipts are of value to you only for the purpose of verifying our records.

Can I Become a Member of More Than One Class?

Yes; you can join one or all of the classes.

When Can I Join?

You can join any day for two weeks beginning Thursday, December 26.

Charleroi Savings & Trust Co.

CHARLEROI, PA.

READY TO BEGIN FIRST OF YEAR ON COFFER DAM

Coal Trade
Keeps Active

Shipments Through Lock
No. 4 Above Average Thus
Far This Month

December gives promise of being a very good coal month. With mines above Lock No. 4 operating to about their fullest capacity the river coal shipments are keeping up exceptionally well, the average per day for the first 17 days of the month being 609,000 bushels. The total amount of coal shipped through Lock No. 4 for the first 17 days was 10,353,000 bushels. The best day was Saturday, December 14, when there was a total shipment of 940,000 bushels. With the latter part of the month as good as the first part in the way of coal shipments there should be a total amount of 20,000,000 bushels locked. This is an unusual monthly coal trade through Lock No. 4.

DECEMBER WEATHER COMPARED

This Month So Far Colder
Than That of
Last Year

AVERAGE 33 DEGREES

So far as weather is concerned December of this year is worrying along after the pattern cut by December of last year, and doing its best to get along without making or breaking more than a half dozen records. The average temperature for the first 18 days of the month last year was 35 degrees. This year's temperature went it two better—33. R. A. Roberts of the government force has furnished the Mail with a few figures.

December 13 won the coldest day record for this year, the temperature then being 10 degrees. The lowest in December 1911 was 18 degrees on December 4. On December 10 last year summer weather reigned with the mercury up to 80 degrees.

January of 1912 was a snapping cold month, with an average of 14 degrees. From January 5 on it was colder than Alaska is commonly supposed to be until the latter part, with the record breaker being on January 13, with the official temperature 16 degrees.

November of this year was a warmer month than last with a temperature of 35 degrees. Last year's average in November was 26.1-2 degrees.

Display of Electric Toys at Monessen Plumbing and Electric Co., Monessen. Bell Phone. 125-14

Nice Holly Boxes 2 for 5, Might's. 126-11

Forty Men Now Employed
as Force on New
Lock No. 4

MUCH LUMBER RECEIVED

Part Used for Construction
of Office Building—Dredging
to Start Shortly

Forty men are at work under the direct supervision of Col. T. P. Roberts and his assistant J. R. Meyers, at Lock No. 4, receiving equipment and getting affairs in readiness for the beginning of actual construction work on the new lock and dam to be built there. The building of the coffer dam for the outside lock will start probably the latter part of March, when from 200 to 300 men will be engaged at the work in three shifts, day and night. Dredging will begin in February.

Twenty-two car loads of lumber have been received to build office buildings, to construct a siding and to start the coffer dam construction. A railroad track 1,000 feet long has been built northward from the lock house over which to receive lumber and cement. All the lumber received except that already used has been piled on the government property.

An engineer's office has been erected and put into use close to the road way, and a tool building is being finished. The men now at work at the lock are mostly engineers, carpenters and common laborers.

Many of the details of construction for Lock No. 4 have already been published. It is to be the latest in lock construction known to the finest experts of America. In a way it will be a duplicate of Locks Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5. It will contain the finest concrete power house of any lock. Power will be supplied by air compression, with water as the operator of the machinery.

The outer lock is to be built first, leaving the inner lock open for navigation. During the course of construction of the lock navigation will be hindered but little. Sixty thousand pounds or more of cement will be used. The coffer dam to be built will be 575 feet long and 56 feet wide. The original outer lock was first constructed in 1844 and the inner lock in 1886. In the work more than 500,000 feet of lumber will be used.

MRS. JAMES MAUND DIES AT HER HOME

Mrs. James Maund, aged about 60 died this morning at 9 o'clock at her home in North Charleroi, after an illness lasting about two months. One son James lives in Charleroi. Others surviving are Mrs. Richard Jennings and Miss Daisy Maund, daughters; and Howard and Walter Maund, sons at home.

New Night Train to Chicago.
Via Columbus and the Pan Handle Route. Leave Union Station, Pittsburgh 6:30 p. m. (Central Time) connecting Pennsylvania Railroad train leaves Charleroi 5:50 p. m.
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UP TO THE PEOPLE.

That there is much dissatisfaction with the banking system in this country is evident in every quarter. From the probe of the so-called money trust that is now in progress in Washington, to voluminous magazine articles on the central bank idea and rural co-operative banking it is being demonstrated that the system of banking employed in this country is out of joint. What every one is agreed upon is that the banks have no system of co-operating in times of financial panics, and that in such stress they hoard up their money instead of paying it out to relieve the strain. The banking interests are "agin" the government controlling the situation, and the people generally are "agin" leaving the absolute control in the hands of individuals.

Back of the whole situation lies the fact that it is other people's money that is being used by the banking interests in the great scheme of finance, and without it the banks would be absolutely helpless. "Deposit your money in the banks so that it can be used in the business of the country," is the constant cry of the banks and a big portion of this money is regularly sent to the stock market centers where it can be loaned day by day at larger rates of interest than the law permits the banks to charge legitimate business enterprises. The people supply the money to the banks, and the banks in turn give the stock jobbers the preference in loans over legitimate business enterprises. We hear much talk about five or six men controlling the money of the country and being able to precipitate a panic at any time. Yet the reason this condition prevails is the same as when a boss controls the political situation—the people permit it. The people can precipitate a panic instead of the money kings if they see fit, just the same as they can sweep the political bosses out of power. All that they have to do is to stop depositing their money in the banks. The farmers can bring on the biggest kind of a panic any time when they harvest their crops, by simply selling for cash only and holding onto their money. If the railroad throughout the country refrained from depositing their receipts in the banks for a period of sixty or ninety days, there would be the biggest kind of a financial flurry. The people in any community can at any time create a local stringency by hoarding their money the same as the banks do when a financial pinch comes.

Like every other economic problem the banking question is absolutely in the hands of the people, and it is for them to solve it so that it will work for the best interests of all. As now constituted, the banks are conducted wholly as private business enterprises with no general sense of public obligation except so far as their own interests go. Yet without the use of the people's money there would be no banking to any great extent. Thus far there seems to be a public impression that people are more indebted to the banks than the banks are to the people, but when this erroneous opinion is reversed, the people can have the banking system established on al-

most any kind of a basis they desire that will work for the general welfare of all. The banking system is a theme for intelligent study and investigation.

FACTORY INSPECTION.

That state factory inspection is superficial and inefficient so far as absolute safety is concerned, is evidenced by the State Federation of Labor's legislative committee recommending the election of the factory inspector and his deputies. While the wisdom of this procedure is open to question as the tendency now is to reduce the number of elective officers instead of increasing them, in order to get a shorter ballot, it is most forcibly evident that the present system of factory inspection is decidedly inefficient.

At the present time the greatest provisions for safety to working people are enforced by the liability insurance companies which insure industrial plants against damage claims on the part of injured employees. It is stated that at a nearby plant the inspectors for the liability insurance company spent two weeks looking over the plant and ordering changes before the policy would be issued. Among other requirements was the countersinking of over two thousand bolt heads on revolving shafts and pulleys, which had not been questioned by the state inspectors. This is only one instance, and no doubt innumerable others might be brought to light. We need more complete inspection, but it is questionable whether or not the election of the inspectors would accomplish this. It is altogether probable that if the employers' liability bill becomes a law, that the necessity for rigid inspection will not be so imperative.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

An Illinois woman in speaking before an institute said that school ma'ams are too dignified. She ought to see them at Monessen.

Besides being President-elect, Woodrow Wilson has the distinction of being the most threatened man in America.

If they keep on piling up indictments against Jack Johnson he will never get a chance to take a honeymoon with his newest white wife.

After reading a few Old Slueth tales it is quite surprising to discover that a detective looks like an ordinary man and usually is one.

We are not even particular about getting that blizzard from the northwest.

That Car
He owned a handsome touring car,
To ride in it was heaven.
He ran across a piece of glass—
Bill—\$14.97.

He took his friends out for a ride.
'Twas good to be alive.
The carburetor sprang a leak,
Bill—\$10.95.

He started on a little tour
The finest sort of fun.
He stopped too quick and stripped his
gears.
Bill—\$90.51.

He took his wife down town to shop
To save car fare was great.
He jammed into a hitching post.
Bill \$278.

He spent all of the coin he had
And then in anguish cried:
"I'll put a mortgage on the house
And take just one more ride."

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Opie Reade, who is to lecture here tomorrow, was at the Fort Pitt Hotel Tuesday in Pittsburgh, where he was interviewed by a reporter of the Dispatch, who, when he called found Mr. Reade in bed. The interview, which is characteristic of the man follows:
A huge man, with a fine disregard of the springs of feeling, almost smothered a Fort Pitt Hotel bed last night. Part of him was on the bed while the excess played over the footboard and the sides. The huge legs were drawn up in a 7, and one great toe played merrily with the coverlets. The owner of the toe was Opie Reade.
The Chicago novelist lay on his pedestal of dignity—the bed—and spilled wisdom and letters and tobacco, all on

the bedclothes, too. The tobacco came from a big calabash pipe from which many sounds issued. Mr. Reed did not care if he did smoke a pipe in bed—it was only an old pipe. He wriggled the toe.

"I am opposed to woman suffrage," he remarked, keeping a watchful eye on the toe. "Woman is not creative. She is imitative and receptive. The world leaders have always been masculine in all lines—governmental, arts and letters."

The toe lay quiet. The pipe showed signs of eruption.

"The great trouble with co-educational institutions is that they cannot bring the girls to the height of the boys and they have effeminized education. When they saw they could not bring the girls to the standard of the boys, they brought the boys down to the standard of the girls."

One hour a day of the best authors is Mr. Reed's recipe for embryonic authors. Books, the best books, will answer for a university education for those who strive.

"Education is learning," he said, "and you can get it by rubbing elbows with the masters of the past."

"I deplore the tendency of reporters to write flippantly. Some of them even write a murder case in flippant style. Speaking of reporters, I once knew one that wassento a fire. Press time came, and no reporter. He sauntered into the office the next afternoon. The city editor wished to know why he did not come and write his story."

"What was the use?" the reporter asked. "Everybody was there and saw it."

Mr. Reed was full of philosophy.

"We have often in our minds associated philosophers with the country. It is wrong. There is more wisdom and gentleness in the city than in the country. Man is life—and in the city is to find him. He's interesting."

CHARLEROI HIGH

FIVE IS BEATEN

The Charleroi High School basketball team was defeated by the Wilkinsburg team at Wilkinsburg Wednesday afternoon by the score of 41 to 22. The Wilkinsburgers took the lead early and kept it throughout the game never being closely pressed by the Charleroi team.

The score at the end of the first half was 20 to 10. McCullough and Anderson played the best game for the victors. Berryman and Stahlman starred for the visitors. The lineup: Wilkinsburg—11 Charleroi—22
McCullough F Wagner
Connell F Berryman
Anderson C Malcolm
Blyth G Speer
Reichardt G Stahlman
Field goals—McCullough 6, Anderson 5, Connell 4, Reichardt 4, Wagner 2, Berryman 3, Malcolm 2, Stahlman 2. Referee—Davis. Substitutions—Euwer for Connell, Gaut for Malcolm.

CHARLEROI MAN

CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS AND KILLED

Ray A. Miller, aged about 32, of Charleroi was killed at Monessen Wednesday night at about 9 o'clock, when he was caught between an engine and a car on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad at the Pittsburgh Steel works. He was engaged in making a coupling when he was caught and his life crushed out. His wife and one child survive.

Miller was a well known young man of North Charleroi. Before going to work for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad he was employed by the Adams Express company.

DELEGATES ELECTED

BY LOCAL SOCIETY

At Wednesday evening's meeting of Branch 782, L. C. B. A. Miss Anna M. Sullivan was elected delegate and Mrs. Mary McCann alternate to the supreme convention of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association to be held on Young's Pier, Atlantic City next July. Mrs. Adria Wagner was elected representative to the L. C. B. A. Senate for 1913. On January 18 the L. C. B. A. will install officers. Lunch will be served and a pleasant time is anticipated.

Hen's Nest Party
Club Number 1 of the A. M. E. church will give a hen's nest party on Thursday, December 19. Hunt for the nest. It contains 6 fresh eggs and \$1 in money. D. F. Ferguson, captain. Admission 10 cents. 125-12

UNION STATION

NO LONGER NAME OF BIG DEPOT

"Union Station" no longer figures in official circles as the Pennsylvania railroad terminal in Pittsburgh. It is now "Pennsylvania Station." Pennsylvania Railroad officials have investigated and found wanted the usually significant appellation, "Union Station." This name would signify a terminal for several railroad lines, and that the station is now. "Pennsylvania Station" is better and is bound to be better understood, so they say. It is not expected the new name will be generally adopted for some time to come even though it is proper etiquette to use it.

LECTURE ON BRAZIL

POSTPONED A MONTH

The lecture which was to have been given this evening in the Sunday school room of St. Mary's Episcopal church by Richard A. Roberts has been postponed until the second week of January. Mr. Roberts was to have spoken on "Experiences in Brazil," having spent some few years of his early life in that interesting country. Owing to the nearness of Christmas and the desire of many to hear Mr. Roberts who could not attend this evening, the date has been changed.

Electric Christmas Tree Outfit at Monessen Plumbing and Electric Co., Sixth and Donner, Monessen. 125-14

Society and Personal

Ered Hill left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

Silas Ross and Silas Provins of Greensboro, Greene county stopped in Charleroi a short time Wednesday afternoon on their way to Washington.

Miss Isabel Wilson has returned from Beatty where she is a student.

Mrs. Tillie Black of Smock is a visitor in Charleroi.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Krahmer are spending the day in Pittsburgh.

Frank Riva is in Pittsburgh today on business.

Ed. Wheeler has gone to Weston, W. Va., on a business trip.

Classified Ads.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire XX Mail office. 119tfp

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping with privilege of bath. Inquire 716 Fallowfield avenue. 126-11p

WILL—Exchange Greene county coal for good notes and mortgage, 122 West Elm street, Waynesburg, Pa. 125-14p

The Sum and Substance

of being a subscriber to this paper is that you and your family become attached to it. The paper becomes a member of the family and its coming each week will be as welcome as the arrival of anyone that's dear. It will keep you informed on the doings of the community and the bargains of the merchants regularly advertised will enable you to save many times the cost of the subscription.

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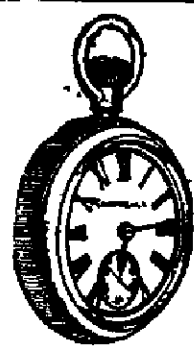
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LADIES

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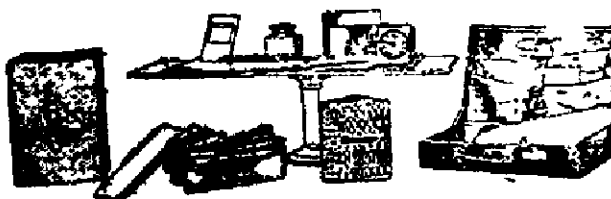
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Seven Piece Desk Set—as illustrated—solid brass, dull finish—flexible pad, with brass corners—ink well, letter rack, pen tray, paper cutter, desk clock and calendar.....Special \$6.75 per set
Writing Cases—as illustrated—of cowhide and seal leathers.....\$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 to \$12.50 each
Address Books—as illustrated—leather bindings in red, green, grey and black.....50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.00 each
Game Sets—as illustrated—for "Bridge" and "500".....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$8.00 each
Waterman's "Ideal" Fountain Pens for men and women.....\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 to \$10.00 each

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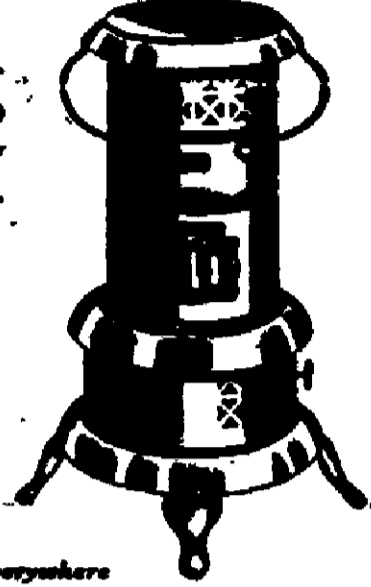
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Estate of Scaphin Toston, Deceased.
Having been appointed Auditor in the above estate, to hear and pass upon all claims which may be presented against said estate, to hear and pass upon all questions which may be raised as to the distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of the Administrator, to ascertain heirs, creditors and persons entitled to participate in the distribution of said balance and to report a schedule of distribution to the Court, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at the office of Alex M. Templeton, Esq., Room No. 515, Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, December 28th, 1912 at ten o'clock a. m. at which time all parties interested may appear if they see proper.

Hugh E. Fergus,
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MUTTON BIRDS IN MILLIONS.

Armies of Them Sicken New Zealand's Sky Every Spring.

Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousand coastal islands of New Zealand, more especially those lying toward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season. Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies. Low flying over the water, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a serried whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away league after league into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coastal headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs, lit by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings. So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

Hour after hour the passage of the army continues, from dawn till dark and far into the night. In the night the noise of countless beating wings that surges up over the cliff head tells that the army is still on the move till the whirr of wings and cries of the rear guard beating up the stragglers grow faint in the distance and one realizes that at last the mighty host has passed on its way.—Wide World Magazine.

WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentlemen. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt."

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements."

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth."

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original head stones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription:

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another: "Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear.
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"—"Mr. Enst was entirely ignorant"—"Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"—"Mr. Percival presented a petition praying"—"Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"—"Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"—"Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"—"Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play the fiddle had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia. In place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Oregon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musically. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs to a baseball game? Big Brother—Inauguration in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

THE FRIENDLESS SPIDER.

He's a Pretty Good Insect in Spite of His Looks and His Web.

Aside from snakes, there is probably no living thing which can look to mankind for friendship with so little hope as the spider. Yet when the spider is fairly brought to trial it is rather hard to prove anything against him except his appearance and a few cobwebs.

Apart from furnishing an example of industry and patience from which we might well profit, the spider feeds exclusively upon freshly killed insects, all of them being of the kind denounced by sanitary authorities, the house-fly being its favorite quarry.

As the actual destruction of a few hundred houseflies means that several hundred thousand that would otherwise have spent gay lives in transmitting typhoid and other diseases was not come into existence and as almost any spider should be able to account for as many as 300 in the course of a summer, to say nothing of stray mosquitoes and black gnats, we surely owe him something more than a flap with a slipper when we happen to catch him out of his hole.

A spider can bite, of course, but he seldom does except in self defense, and even then the bite is not much worse than would have been received from any one of the several hundred mosquitoes he has probably dined upon or will, if let alone. In the light of present scientific knowledge the story of the spider and the fly that was invited into the pretty parlor does not cause such a surge of sympathy for the fly as it once did.—Harper's Weekly.

SHE LIKED TO BORROW.

Give Her a Fair Chance, Too, and She Was Willing to Pay Back.

Day by day as Mrs. Worth's household and kitchen furniture and groceries slowly disappeared she saw that the moment approached when a final stand must be made. One morning when Jimmy, son of the borrower, appeared at the back door with the stableman, "Ma wants the wash boiler," Mrs. Worth determined to act.

"You tell your ma that when she brings back what she has already borrowed I will lend her the boiler."

In a little while Jimmy reappeared. "Ma wants to know what she has borrowed."

"There are a quart of flour," began Mrs. Worth, "a peck of potatoes, a cupful of sugar, a can of coffee, a half pound of lard, some onions and butter and spices, the screwdriver the hatchet, a pair of scissors"—she paused, recollecting—"three spools of thread, a paper of needles and"—

But Jimmy was gone. Presently he rapped on the back door again.

"Ma says for you to write 'em down. I forgot some of 'em."

Mrs. Worth sat down with pencil and patiently made an alphabetical list of all the articles she could remember.

Jimmy took the list and disappeared. A half hour later he once more appeared at the back door and announced:

"Ma says if you'll lend her the wash boiler to carry them in she'll bring 'em home."—Youth's Companion.

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Read carefully this table of profits and note the production to the acre; you will then understand why the Kuhn farms in the Sacramento Valley are money makers.

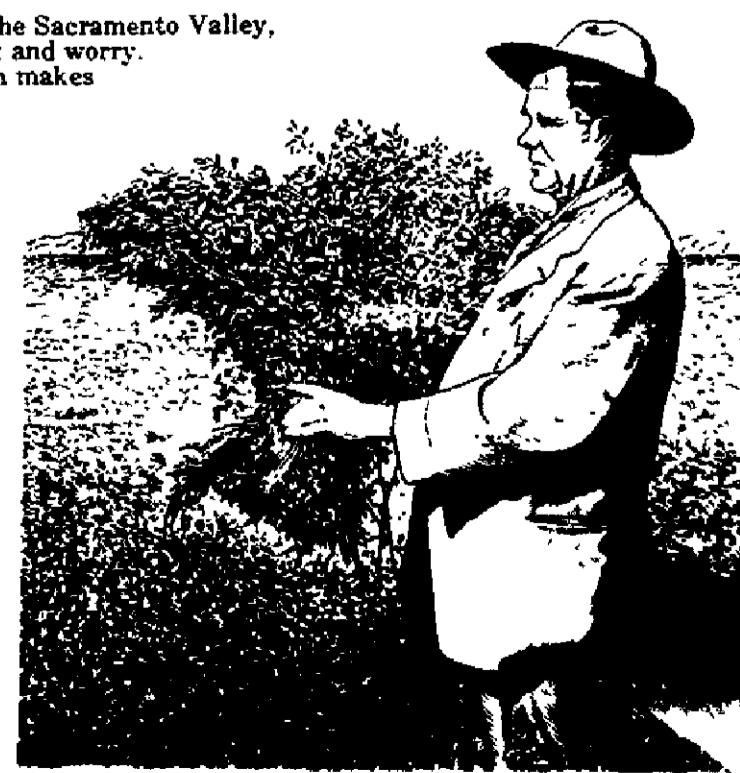
Alfalfa	80 to 100	Lemons	150 to 300
Almonds	80 to 100	Lorandberries	150 to 300
Apples	100 to 300	Olives	150 to 300
Apricots	100 to 150	Oranges	200 to 400
Asparagus	100 to 250	Peaches	200 to 300
Beans	60 to 100	Pears	150 to 300
Blackberries	150 to 300	Plums	100 to 200
Cherries	150 to 300	Potatoes (Irish)	100 to 150
English Walnuts	125 to 300	Potatoes (Sweet)	100 to 150
Figs	100 to 200	Prunes	125 to 200
Grapes (Boskin)	80 to 150	Strawberries	200 to 300
Grapes (Table)	75 to 150	Sugar Beets	40 to 75
Grapes (White)	60 to 150	Tomatoes	100 to 150

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Dress patterns, waist patterns—the latest, stylish fabrics—any woman appreciates such thoughtful gifts.

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Toilet sets, manicuring sets, brushes, mirrors, jewel boxes, candle sticks, bracelets, combs, beads, beauty pins, bar pins, silver mesh bags, serving sets, etc.

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Don't miss this opportunity to buy coats and furs. They are pleasing gifts and besides they'll be needed before spring anyhow. So why not buy a fur set or a coat for Christmas. They go at Gift Prices.

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CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON CO., PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912

ONE CENT

REPLACING OLD ROAD A COSTLY PROCEEDING

Railroad to Build New
Highway at North
Charleroi

TOTAL COST IS \$50,000

Necessary to Buy Real Estate
and to Move Houses Before
Work Can Begin

It will cost the Pennsylvania Railroad company \$50,000, excluding the cost of construction to replace a portion of the old public road which runs from the station at North Charleroi borough to the government property at the lock proper. This amount represents approximately the purchase price of a number of properties which it was necessary to buy there. The cost of moving houses and the cost of building the road will be separate. The railroad company agreed to rebuild the road only after North Charleroi borough council had instructed their attorney, D. M. McCloskey, of Charleroi to enter suit in the county courts compelling them to do the work.

The stretch of road to be built is perhaps a short quarter of a mile in extent. It is claimed that when the railroad some years ago was building their line up the Monongahela valley under their charter name of Pittsburgh, Virginia, and Charleston, they simply occupied a portion of the public road without asking leave. The present North Charleroi council was the first body to take up the matter of securing a righting of the supposed wrong. When the attorney was given instructions to start mandamus proceedings to compel the railroad to show cause why it should not replace the road, a halt was called. The railroad said it would build. Since then it has been buying up the necessary properties. Today a contract was signed with L. A. McVey, the local house mover to clear the properties purchased of buildings.

Among the properties bought were the following: two McGowan houses and lots, \$6,000; Cooper property, \$7,000; John Hogan property, \$4,800; portion of Speakman property, \$1,500; two lots from Mercantile Bridge company represented by George E. Tener, \$1,000; Kibler property \$2,600 and the S. J. Richardson estate, \$5,000. Some property was secured from the Valley Crystal Ice and Storage company. An offer has been made by the railroad company to S. A. Walton for real estate he holds, but the deal has not been closed yet. The reconstruction of the road will not be unusually costly, unless it is bricked, and it is understood that this will not be done. However, it is a safe guess that they will spend \$50,000 or more before they get through with it.

Send Magazines for Xmas, Night's Book Store. 126-41

Notice.

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Pipes and Cigars at Night's. 126-41

Doll Too Late; Child is Dead

Five-Year-Old Wins Contest
and Then Becomes a Victim of Diphtheria

"A big doll, with blond hair, blue eyes and with blue ribbons on her dress," is the kind of doll five-year-old Anna Stacia Mahoney requested her mother to ask from a Pittsburgh newspaper just before she dropped into her last deep sleep last week. After winning a doll contest conducted by the newspaper the girl, who is the daughter of Mrs. Johanna Mahoney of McKean avenue, became afflicted with diphtheria, and after a brief battle with the dread disease her spirit gave up the fight. Her name was published Monday among the winners of the contest. The doll will be sent to the child's mother as a remembrance.

NOTED AUTHOR COMING

Opie Read to Deliver
Lecture in Charleroi
Tomorrow Night

IS VERSATILE WRITER

One of the best known writers in the English speaking part of the world and a lecturer of more than usual ability, Opie Read will appear Friday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church in the second number of the Citizens' Entertainment course. His lecture will be on the theme of one of his books.

Opie Read is a most entertaining speaker as he is a writer. His characterizations proclaim him a natural born actor as well as a natural born novelist. In fact he has appeared on the stage in the leading role of one of his best known books, "The Starbuck's."

A Kentuckian by birth as well as by preference, he is primarily a Kentucky novelist. The scenes in nearly all of his novels are laid in the blue hills of his native land and his queer, quaint characters are mostly Kentucky folks. One of the best known characters in American literature is his "Jim Jinkins," from the novel, "The Jinkins."

Dancing Xmas Afternoon and Night. Donora Bank Hall, Donora, Pa. Dancing 2:30 and 8:30. 126-45

Latest Books at Night's. 126-41
Why not Books for Xmas, Night's. 126-41

Dancing Xmas Eve. Night's Auditorium, Tuesday night, December 24 at 8:30. Wheeler's orchestra. 126-45

WORKS IN INTEREST OF LOCAL LIBRARY

Representative of Free Library Commission
Spends Day Visiting--Subscriptions Necessary to Start Institution

Inspired by frequent requisitions upon the State Library by women's societies of Charleroi and a request for the use of the traveling feature by Young People's Christian Temperance Union library in the Odd Fellow's building, Miss Anna McDonald, representing the State Free Library Commission of Harrisburg paid a visit to Charleroi Tuesday. Her mission was to look over the field with a view of extending the library here and a meeting was held at the reading rooms of the association in the evening. Not many were present and Miss McDonald made a tour of the town Wednesday forenoon in the interests of the project.

As stated the mission of the State Free Library Commission is to aid and abet the free library movement in the state. No state aid is furnished, but the members of the state commission will assist in the organization and will train a librarian and start the project along practical and systematic lines. At the borough and school board both have the power to levy taxation for library purposes, the object on the part of the commission is to interest the communities where there is a good field in the library extension movement. The state library loans books to women's clubs, and the traveling branch has a system for passing along small cases of selected books in various communities under certain conditions, but the function of the commission is to organize and start the library movement on practical lines for the various communities.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

Answers to Questions We
Have Been Asked
About It

What is the Purpose of the Christmas Savings Club?
The purpose is to help you and others accumulate a fund for Christmas. In What Manner Does the Christmas Savings Club Accomplish This Purpose?
By each member paying in a small sum each week for 50 weeks. Two weeks before Christmas each member will receive the total amount paid in with 3 per cent. interest.

Does Everybody Pay in the Same Amount?
No. There are three classes and numbered respectively 1, 2, and 3. The payments are different in each class. What Are the Payments in Class 1?
The payments are 1c the first week, 2c the 2d week, 3c the 3d week, and so on for 50 weeks, making the payment for the last week 50 cents.

Do the Payments in the Other Classes Progress the Same Way?
They do. The only difference is that in Class 2 the first payment is 2 cents the first week, 4c the 2d week, 6c the 3d week, and so on for 50 weeks. In Class 3 the first payment is 5 cents the 1st week, 10c the 2d week, 15c the 3d week and so on for 50 weeks.

Is There a Membership Fee or is There Any Cost to Join?
No.
What Do I Do to Become a Member?
All that is necessary is to go to the Charleroi Savings & Trust Company, Charleroi, ask to be enrolled as a member and make the first week's payment or more.

What Will the First Payment Be?
It will be 1c, 2c or 5c, according to the class you join.
How Are the Payments to be Made?
Weekly or in advance for as many weeks as you desire.

What Will Happen if I Cannot Keep Up My Payments or Discontinue?
You may discontinue for any reason at any time, and at the period when the club closes, you will get a check for all you have paid in, but in such a case no interest will be allowed.
When and How Can I Withdraw?
Under no circumstances will any withdrawals, either in whole or in part, be allowed. What you deposit will be held for you until two weeks before Christmas.

What Form of Receipt Do I Get When I Make Payments?
For every week paid you will receive a small receipt in coupon form, which you will keep in the envelope we give you when the account is opened.

What Would Happen if My Coupon Receipts or Bank Book Were Lost, Stolen or Destroyed?
As we have a complete record of the payments of every member we will pay your share to you whether you have the receipts or not. The receipts are of value to you only for the purpose of verifying our records.

Can I Become a Member of More Than One Class?
Yes; you can join one or all of the classes.

When Can I Join?
You can join any day for two weeks beginning Thursday, December 26.

Charleroi Savings & Trust Co.
CHARLEROI, PA.

READY TO BEGIN FIRST OF YEAR ON COFFER DAM

Coal Trade
Keeps Active

Shipments Through Lock
No. 4 Above Average Thus
Far This Month

December gives promise of being a very good coal month. With mines above Lock No. 4 operating to about their fullest capacity the river coal shipments are keeping up exceptionally well, the average per day for the first 17 days of the month being 609,000 bushels. The total amount of coal shipped through Lock No. 4 for the first 17 days was 10,353,000 bushels. The best day was Saturday, December 14, when there was a total shipment of 940,000 bushels. With the latter part of the month as good as the first part in the way of coal shipments there should be a total amount of 20,000,000 bushels locked. This is an unusual monthly coal trade through Lock No. 4.

DECEMBER WEATHER COMPARED

This Month So Far Colder
Than That of
Last Year

AVERAGE 33 DEGREES

So far as weather is concerned December of this year is worrying along after the pattern cut by December of last year, and doing its best to get along without making or breaking more than a hair dozen records. The average temperature for the first 18 days of the month last year was 35 degrees. This year's temperature went two better--33. R. A. Roberts of the government force has furnished the Mail with a few figures.

December 13 won the coldest day record for this year, the temperature then being 10 degrees. The lowest in December 1911 was 18 degrees on December 4. On December 10 last year summer weather reigned with the mercury up to 80 degrees.

January of 1912 was a snapping cold month, with an average of 14 degrees. From January 5 on it was colder than Alaska is commonly supposed to be until the latter part, with the record breaker being on January 13, with the official temperature 16 degrees.

November of this year was a warmer month than last with a temperature of 38 degrees. Last year's average in November was 36.1-2 degrees.

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Lock No. 4

MUCH LUMBER RECEIVED

Part Used for Construction
of Office Building--Dredge
to Start Shortly

Forty men are at work under the direct supervision of Col. T. P. Roberts and his assistant J. R. Meyers, at Lock No. 4, receiving equipment and getting affairs in readiness for the beginning of actual construction work on the new lock and dam to be built there. The building of the coffer dam for the outside lock will start probably the latter part of March, when from 200 to 300 men will be engaged at the work in three shifts, day and night. Dredging will begin in February.

Twenty-two car loads of lumber have been received to build office buildings, to construct a siding and to start the coffer dam construction. A railroad track 1,000 feet long has been built northward from the lock house over which to receive lumber and cement. All the lumber received except that already used has been piled on the government property.

An engineer's office has been erected and put into use close to the road way, and a tool building is being finished. The men now at work at the lock are mostly engineers, carpenters and common laborers.

Many of the details of construction for Lock No. 4 have already been published. It is to be the latest in lock construction known to the finest experts of America. In a way it will be a duplicate of Locks Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5. It will contain the finest concrete power house of any lock. Power will be supplied by air compression, with water as the operator of the machinery.

The outer lock is to be built first, leaving the inner lock open for navigation. During the course of construction of the lock navigation will be hindered but little. Sixty thousand pounds or more of cement will be used. The coffer dam to be built will be 575 feet long and 56 feet wide. The original outer lock was first constructed in 1844 and the inner lock in 1886. In the work more than 500,000 feet of lumber will be used.

MRS. JAMES MAUND DIES AT HER HOME

Mrs. James Maund, aged about 60 died this morning at 9 o'clock at her home in North Charleroi, after an illness lasting about two months. One son James lives in Charleroi. Others surviving are Mrs. Richard Jennings and Miss Daisy Maund, daughters; and Howard and Walter Maund, sons at home.

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UP TO THE PEOPLE.

That there is much dissatisfaction with the banking system in this country is evident in every quarter. From the probe of the so-called money trust that is now in progress in Washington, to voluminous magazine articles on the central bank idea and rural co-operative banking it is being demonstrated that the system of banking operated in this country is out of joint. What every one is agreed upon is that the banks have no system of co-operating in times of financial panics, and that in such stress they hoard up their money instead of paying it out to relieve the strain. The banking interests are "agin" the government controlling the situation, and the people generally are "agin" leaving the absolute control in the hands of individuals.

Back of the whole situation lies the fact that it is other people's money that is being used by the banking interests in the great scheme of finance, and without it the banks would be absolutely helpless. "Deposit your money in the banks so that it can be used in the business of the country," is the constant cry of the banks and a big portion of this money is regularly sent to the stock market centers where it can be loaned day by day at larger rates of interest than the law permits the banks to charge legitimate business enterprises. The people supply the money to the banks, and the banks in turn give the stock jobbers the preference in loans over legitimate business enterprises. We hear much talk about five or six men controlling the money of the country and being able to precipitate a panic at any time. Yet the reason this condition prevails is the same as when a boss controls the political situation—the people permit it. The people can precipitate a panic instead of the money kings if they see fit, just the same as they can sweep the political bosses out of power. All that they have to do is to stop depositing their money in the banks. The farmers can bring on the biggest kind of a panic any time when they harvest their crops, by simply selling for cash only and holding onto their money. If the railroad throughout the country refrained from depositing their receipts in the banks for a period of sixty or ninety days, there would be the biggest kind of a financial flurry. The people in any community can at any time create a local stringency by hoarding their money the same as the banks do when a financial pinch comes.

Like every other economic problem the banking question is absolutely in the hands of the people, and it is for them to solve it so that it will work for the best interests of all. As now constituted, the banks are conducted wholly as private business enterprises with no general sense of public obligation except so far as their own interests go. Yet without the use of the people's money there would be no banking to any great extent. Thus far there seems to be a public impression that people are more indebted to the banks than the banks are to the people, but when this erroneous opinion is reversed, the people can have the banking system established on a

most any kind of a basis they desire that will work for the general welfare of all. The banking system is a theme for intelligent study and investigation.

FACTORY INSPECTION.

That state factory inspection is superficial and inefficient so far as absolute safety is concerned, is evidenced by the State Federation of Labor's legislative committee recommending the election of the factory inspector and his deputies. While the wisdom of this procedure is open to question as the tendency now is to reduce the number of elective officers instead of increasing them, in order to get a shorter ballot, it is most forcibly evident that the present system of factory inspection is decidedly inefficient.

At the present time the greatest provisions for safety to working people are enforced by the liability insurance companies which insure industrial plants against damage claims on the part of injured employees. It is stated that at a nearby plant the inspectors for the liability insurance company spent two weeks looking over the plant and ordering changes before the policy would be issued. Among other requirements was the countersinking of over two thousand bolt heads on revolving shafts and pulleys, which had not been questioned by the state inspectors. This is only one instance, and no doubt innumerable others might be brought to light. We need more complete inspection, but it is questionable whether or not the election of the inspectors would accomplish this. It is altogether probable that if the employers' liability bill becomes a law, that the necessity for rigid inspection will not be so imperative.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

An Illinois woman in speaking before an institute said that school ma'ams are too dignified. She ought to see them at Monessen.

Besides being President-elect, Woodrow Wilson has the distinction of being the most threatened man in America.

If they keep on piling up indictments against Jack Johnson he will never get a chance to take a honeymoon with his newest white wife.

After reading a few Old Slueth tales it is quite surprising to discover that a detective looks like an ordinary man and usually is one.

We are not even particular about getting that blizzard from the northwest.

That Car

He owned a handsome touring car.
To ride in it was heaven.
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"Twas good to be alive.
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He started on a little tour
The finest sort of fun.
He stopped too quick and stopped his
gears.
Bill—\$90.51.

He took his wife down town to shop
To save car fare was great.
He jammed into a hitching post.
Bill \$278.

He spent all of the coin he had
And then in anguish cried:
"I'll put a mortgage on the house
And take just one more ride."

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Opie Reade, who is to lecture here tomorrow, was at the Fort Pitt Hotel Tuesday in Pittsburgh, where he was interviewed by a reporter of the Dispatch, who, when he called found Mr. Reade in bed. The interview, which is characteristic of the man follows:

A huge man, with a fine disregard of the springs" of feeling, almost smothered a Fort Pitt Hotel bed last night. A big man was on the bed while the excess played over the footboard and the sides. The huge legs were drawn up in a 7, and one great toe played merrily with the coverlets. The owner of the toe was Opie Reade.

The Chicago novelist lay on his pedestal of dignity—the bed—and spilled wisdom and letters and tobacco all on

the bedclothes, too. The tobacco came from a big calabash pipe from which many sounds issued. Mr. Reade did not care if he did smoke a pipe in bed—it was only an old pipe. He wriggled the toe.

"I am opposed to woman suffrage," he remarked, keeping a watchful eye on the toe. "Woman is not creative. She is imitative and receptive. The world leaders have always been masculine in all lines—governmental, arts and letters."

The toe lay quiet. The pipe showed signs of eruption.

"The great trouble with co-educational institutions is that they cannot bring the girls to the height of the boys and they have effeminized education. When they saw they could not bring the girls to the standard of the boys, they brought the boys down to the standard of the girls."

One hour a day of the best authors is Mr. Reade's recipe for embryonic authors. Books, the best books, will answer for a university education for those who strive.

"Education is learning," he said, "and you can get it by rubbing elbows with the masters of the past."

"I deplore the tendency of reporters to write flippantly. Some of them even write a murder case in flippant style. Speaking of reporters, I once knew one that was sent to a fire. Press time came, and no reporter. He sauntered into the office the next afternoon. The city editor wished to know why he did not come and write his story."

"What was the use?" the reporter asked. "Everybody was there and saw it."

Mr. Reade was full of philosophy.

"We have often in our minds associated philosophers with the country. It is wrong. There is more wisdom and gentleness in the city than in the country. Man is life—and in the city is to find him. He's interesting."

CHARLEROI HIGH FIVE IS BEATEN

The Charleroi High School basketball team was defeated by the Wilkinsburg team at Wilkinsburg Wednesday afternoon by the score of 41 to 22. The Wilkinsburgers took the lead early and kept it throughout the game never being closely pressed by the Charleroi team.

The score at the end of the first half was 20 to 10. McCullough and Anderson played the best game for the victors. Berryman and Stahlman starred for the visitors. The lineup: Wilkinsburg—41 Charleroi—22
McCullough F Wagner
Connell F Berryman
Anderson C Malcolm
Blyth G Speer
Reichardt G Stahlman
Field goals—McCullough 6, Anderson 5, Connell 4, Reichardt 4, Wagner 2, Berryman 3, Malcolm 2, Stahlman 2. Referee—Davis. Substitutions—Euwer for Connell, Gaut for Malcolm.

CHARLEROI MAN CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS AND KILLED

Ray A. Miller, aged about 32, of Charleroi, was killed at Monessen Wednesday night at about 9 o'clock, when he was caught between an engine and a car on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad at the Pittsburgh Steel works. He was engaged in making a coupling when he was caught and his life crushed out. His wife and one child survive.

Miller was a well known young man of North Charleroi. Before going to work for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad he was employed by the Adams Express company.

DELEGATES ELECTED BY LOCAL SOCIETY

At Wednesday evening's meeting of Branch 782, L. C. B. A. Miss Anna M. Sullivan was elected delegate and Mrs. Mary McCann alternate to the supreme convention of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association to be held on Young's Pier, Atlantic City next July. Mrs. Adna Wagner was elected representative to the L. C. B. A. Senate for 1913. On January 18 the L. C. B. A. will install officers.

Men's Nest Party
Club Number 1 of the A. M. E. church will give a men's nest party on Thursday, December 19. Hunt for the nest. It contains 6 fresh eggs and \$1 in money. D. F. Ferguson, captain. Admission 10 cents. Tickets

UNION STATION NO LONGER NAME OF RIC DEPOT

"Union Station" no longer figures in official circles as the Pennsylvania railroad terminal in Pittsburgh. It is now "Pennsylvania Station." Pennsylvania Railroad officials have investigated and found wanted the usually significant appellation, "Union Station." This name would signify a terminal for several railroad lines, and that the station is now, "Pennsylvania Station" is better and is bound to be better understood, so they say. It is not expected the new name will be generally adopted for some time to come even though it is proper etiquette to use it.

LECTURE ON BRAZIL POSTPONED A MONTH

The lecture which was to have been given this evening in the Sunday school room of St. Mary's Episcopal church by Richard A. Roberts has been postponed until the second week of January. Mr. Roberts was to have spoken on "Experiences in Brazil," having spent some few years of his early life in that interesting country. Owing to the nearness of Christmas and the desire of many to hear Mr. Roberts who could not attend this evening, the date has been changed.

Electric Christmas Tree Outfit at Monessen Plumbing and Electric Co., Sixth and Donner, Monessen. 125-14

Society and Personal

Fred Hill left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

Siles Ross and Silas Provins of Greensboro, Greene county stopped in Charleroi a short time Wednesday afternoon on their way to Washington.

Miss Isabel Wilson has returned from Beatty where she is a student.

Mrs. Tillie Black of Smock is a visitor in Charleroi.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Krahmer are spending the day in Pittsburgh.

Frank Riva is in Pittsburgh today on business.

Ed. Wheeler has gone to Weston, W. Va., on a business trip.

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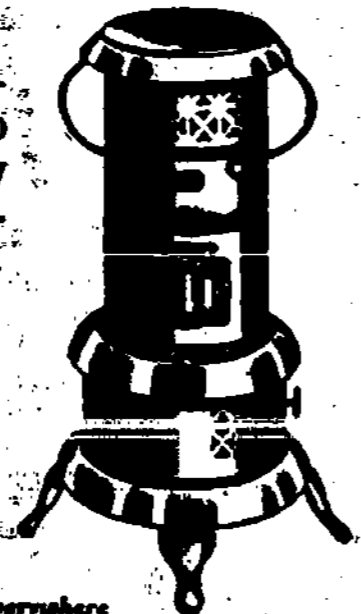
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Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousands of mutton birds, from the land, more especially those lying toward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season. Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies. Low flying over the water, for the most part close in shore, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a series of whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away league after league into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coastal headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs, lit by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings. So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.
An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentlemen. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt."
"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements."
"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if you whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth."
"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original headstones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:
"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:
Stranger, pause and drop a tear,
For Emily Church lies buried here,
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.
—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"—"Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"—"Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"—"Mr. Percival presented a petition praying"—"Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"—"Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"—"Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"—"Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the fads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.
The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson mustily, "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are those eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the tools of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

THE FRIENDLESS SPIDER.

He's a Pretty Good Insect in Spite of His Looks and His Web.
Aside from snakes, there is probably no living thing which is so much hated as the spider. It is a kind of friendship with so little hope as the spider, yet when the spider is fairly brought to trial it is rather hard to prove anything against him except his appearance and a few cobwebs.
Apart from furnishing an example of industry and patience from which we might well profit, the spider feeds exclusively upon freshly killed insects, all of them being of the kind denounced by sanitary authorities, the house fly being its favorite quarry.
As the actual destruction of a few hundred houseflies means that several hundred thousand that would otherwise have spent gay lives in transmitting typhoid and other diseases will not come into existence and as almost any spider should be able to account for as many as 300 in the course of a summer, to say nothing of stray mosquitoes and black gnats, we surely owe him something more than a flap with a slipper when we happen to catch him out of his hole.
A spider can bite, of course, but he seldom does except in self defense, and even then the bite is no worse than would have been received from any one of the several hundred mosquitoes he has probably dined upon or will, if let alone. In the light of present scientific knowledge the story of the spider and the fly that was invited into the pretty parlor does not cause such a surge of sympathy for the fly as it once did.—Harper's W.

SHE LIKED TO BORROW.

Give Her a Fair Chance, Too, and She Was Willing to Pay Back.

Day by day as Mrs. Worth's household and kitchen furniture and groceries slowly disappeared she saw that the moment approached when a final stand must be made. One morning when Jimmy, son of the borrower, appeared at the back door with the statement, "Ma wants the wash boiler," Mrs. Worth determined to act.

"You tell your ma that when she brings back what she has already borrowed I will lend her the boiler."

In a little while Jimmy reappeared. "Ma wants to know what she has borrowed."

"There are a quart of flour," began Mrs. Worth, "a peck of potatoes, a couple of sugar, a can of coffee, a half pound of lard, some onions and butter and spices, the screwdriver the hatchet, a pair of scissors"—she paused, recollecting—"three spools of thread, a paper of needles and"—

But Jimmy was gone. Presently he rapped on the back door again.

"Ma says for you to write 'em down. I forgot some of 'em."

Mrs. Worth sat down with pencil and patiently made an alphabetical list of all the articles she could remember.

Jimmy took the list and disappeared. A half hour later he once more appeared at the back door and announced:

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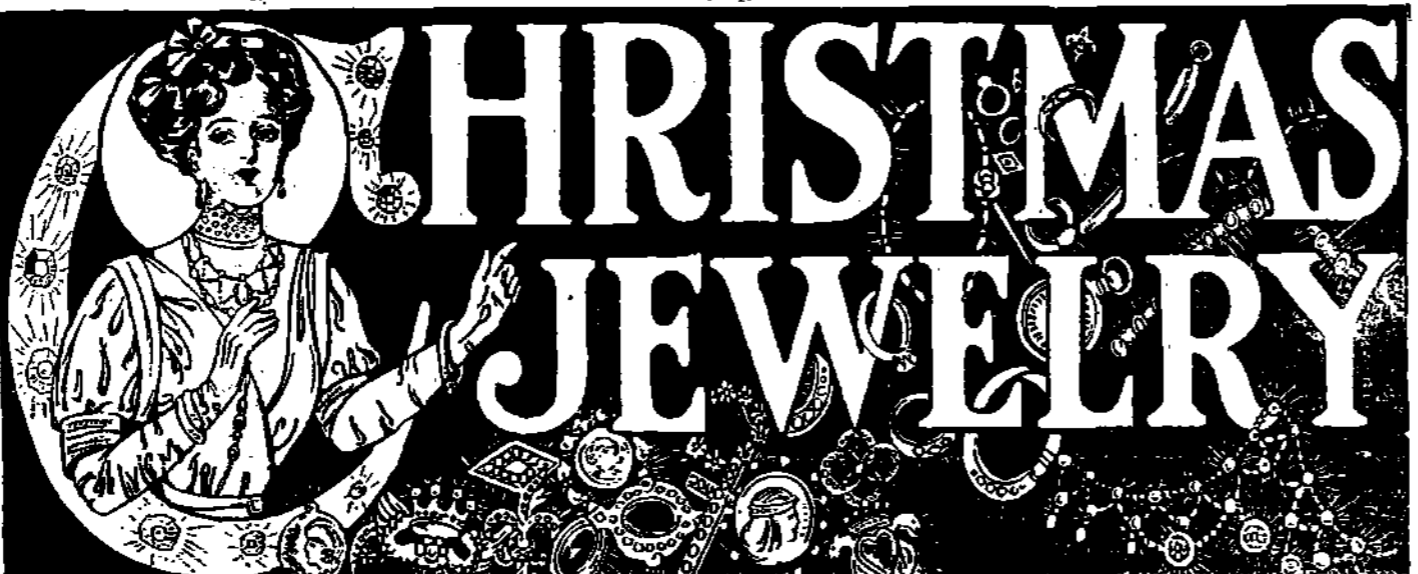
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CHRISTMAS JEWELRY

YULETIDE SUGGESTIONS

We offer for your selection HERE the most comprehensive showing we have ever made of appropriate articles for HOLIDAY GIFTS that will both delight the recipient and giver and also have that added value of permanent and lasting charm. Your attention is especially invited to our superb collection.

Diamonds - Silverwear - Gold Jewelry - Cut Glass - Watches

GOLD JEWELRY

Rings, Studs, Pendants, Pins, Brooches, Lockets, Necklaces, Bracelets, Chains.

HOUSEHOLD WARES

Silver, Glass, and Pottery, China, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Trays, Bowls, Vases, Pitchers, Jugs, Candelabra, Platters, Tureens, Coffee Sets, Olive and Bon Bon Dishes.

MEN'S JEWELRY AND NOVELTIES

Cigarette Cases, Watches, Fobs, Seal and Emblem Rings, Flasks, Desk Fittings, Cuff Links.

In the preparation and selection of our comprehensive stock of diamonds and precious stones, jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks, china and glassware, fancy goods, etc., we have since the establishment of our business, maintained certain standards of quality and excellence to which all articles must conform. Not only must the material and workmanship of each piece be beyond criticism but the style and design must satisfy the best requirements of current fashion and demand.

JOHN B. SCHAFER

WHERE "HOLIDAY PRICES" DO NOT PREVAIL

515 McKEAN AVENUE

Come—Farm Where Success is Sure

WHY waste time and wear out your life working an Eastern farm, when land in the Sacramento Valley, California, will produce many times more net profit to the acre, with less work and worry. In Northern California the soil is richer, sun shines more often and irrigation makes you independent of the rain and drought.

Oranges, alfalfa and all fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables mature four to six weeks earlier in Northern California.

Stock and poultry are easier to raise and produce more because the climate is milder, and they can be kept out of doors all the year, where green feed grows in abundance.

Markets are near, with cheap railroad, river and trolley transportation. Investigate these wonderful farms; large acreage is unnecessary.

"TWENTY'S PLENTY—FORTY'S A FORTUNE"
Read carefully this table of profits and note the production to the acre; you will then understand why the Kuhn farms in the Sacramento Valley are money makers.

Alfalfa	80 to 100	Lemons	150 to 200
Almonds	80 to 100	Loganberries	150 to 200
Apples	100 to 300	Olive	100 to 200
Apricots	100 to 150	Oranges	200 to 400
Asparagus	100 to 200	Peaches	200 to 300
Beans	80 to 100	Pears	150 to 200
Blackberries	150 to 200	Plums	100 to 200
Cherries	150 to 200	Potatoes (Irish)	100 to 150
Figs	100 to 200	Strawberries	200 to 300
Grapes (Bosnian)	80 to 150	Sugar Beets	40 to 75
Grapes (Table)	75 to 150	Tomatoes	100 to 150
Grapes (Wine)	80 to 150		

"Your Success is Yours—Your Failure is Our Failure"
Write today and learn of people who are making big money on Kuhn's Sacramento Valley Farms, the profits paying the purchase price.

Don't delay if you are interested; write us at once, as every day now sees new settlers moving on this land and the best farms go fast.

KUHN IRRIGATED LAND CO., Dept. 28 A
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PITTSBURGH, PA.



The Sacramento Valley Irrigation Company's ALFALFA country

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thousands of Gifts for the Last Few Days

In spite of the fact that we've sold thousands of gifts, many remain and you'll do well to look them over. Extra help added to our force of salespeople—every means taken to make quick buying a pleasure—open evenings till Christmas—every precaution taken to make this the ideal shopping store, and you'll profit by buying here.

Sweaters, Knit Goods

Toques, Sacques, Caps, Sweaters, etc., for the children, Sweaters and Auto Caps for the Ladies.

Rug Gifts

Small Rugs, Room Size Rugs—they're all useful Xmas presents.

Gift Books

Toy, A, B, C, Picture, Painting and Story Books for the little ones. 5c to 25c.

Books for the elder ones 25c and 50c.

\$1.50 Reprint Fiction at 50c. All arranged so as to be readily selected.



Buy her a Bissell's and she'll thank you 365 times in the year.

Art Needlework

Too late now to make them yourself. Buy them at our store or your friends will be disappointed.

Gift Dolls

Santa Claus has a doll here for your child, just the one she wants and it will please her to get it too.

Dress Goods, Silks

Dress patterns, waist patterns—the latest, stylish fabrics—any woman appreciates such thoughtful gifts.

Hand Bags

Ladies' Hand Bags are handy gifts and we carry a line of leather, meshed and beaded ones from 25c to \$10.00.

Hose, Ties

It's easy to please a man with a tie or hose.

Ties 25c, 50c to \$1.00. Hose up to \$1.50.

Bath Robes, House Robes

Give him a Smoking Jacket and he will be pleased, but give him a Bath Robe or House Robe and he will be thankful the whole year through. They are so comfortable and informal that one enjoys his quiet evenings at home—in fact looks forward to them. A wide range of colors, patterns and prices.

"MAKE YOURSELF SOLID WITH HIM." BUY ONE.

Cowboy Suits for Boys

Every boy should have a Cowboy Outfit, and he will expect it for Christmas. They include Hat, Handkerchief, Shirt, Chaps, Holster, Gun and Lasso. Some of the Chaps are leather, some of sheep skin with the wool on and others undressed hides. Different combinations for different tastes; prices to suit any pocket book.

Suits priced \$1 to \$5

Indian Suits, Squaw Suits, Cowboy Gloves, Etc.



Waists, Kimonas, Petticoats

Every kind of waist. Tailor made styles, Lingerie and Silk Waists. Crepe and Flannelette Kimonas all colors, trimmed with two inch ribbon in Christmas Boxes.

Dressing Sacques in Christmas Boxes. Silk Petticoats in colors, and fancy patterns. They're all beautiful, useful and acceptable gifts.

Gocycles as Xmas Gifts

Buy your boy a suit or overcoat and we'll give him one of our gocycles. The boys all want them—they are safe, healthful and amusing. Keep the boy out of mischief by helping him get one. Sister can ride them too. The boy will need a suit and possibly an overcoat, so get them here and he gets the gocycle.

All Sizes in Suits. All Prices. All Sizes in Overcoats.

Neckwear

An ample selection of all that is new in neckwear; pretty jabots, collars, ties, collar and cuff sets, robespierre collars, etc. put up in boxes at 25c, 50c to \$3.50.

Gift Jewelry

Toilet sets, manicuring sets, brushes, mirrors, jewel boxes, candle sticks, bracelets, combs, beads, beauty pins, bar pins, silver mesh bags, serving sets, etc.

Traveling Sets

Beautiful rubberized cases for soap, tooth brushes and toilet articles when traveling.



Gift Gloves

Long gloves, short gloves, silk cape and kid gloves. They're all suitable and our stock is full of the newest and best. Gloves 50c to \$3.50.

Dainty Aprons

All styles, all kinds of trimming, a pleasing reminder, an acceptable gift. 25c to \$1.00.

Children's Bath Robes

Flannelette and Eiderdown robes for the little ones from one year to fourteen. Flannelette 50c to \$1.00. Eiderdown \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Umbrellas

Umbrellas were made to give, loan and lose. We carry a complete line of gift Umbrellas for men, women and children.

Gift Prices on Ladies' Suits

Ladies Suits at Prices you can afford to pay for Christmas Giving. All colors, all sizes. The Newest Weaves The Latest Styles.

\$15.00 and \$16.50 Suits Now	\$10.00	\$25.00 Suits Now	\$16.50
\$18.00 Suits Now	\$12.50	\$27.50 Suits Now	\$18.50
\$20.00 Suits Now	\$13.50	\$30.00 Suits Now	\$20.00

Attractive Millinery Prices for Christmas

Smart street and Dress Hats including trimmings at real gift prices. French models, and Hats designed in our own work room, offered at One Fourth their original prices.

All Ladies' and Children's Hats and Trimmings One Fourth Off.

Christmas Reductions on Furs and Coats

Don't miss this opportunity to buy coats and furs. They are pleasing gifts and besides they'll be needed before spring anyhow. So why not buy a fur set or a coat for Christmas. They go at Gift Prices.

FURS

Beautiful sets and separate pieces in Mink, Fox, Lynx, Opossum, Coney and Squirrel.

COATS

Chinchilla Coats, Cords, Serges, Whipcords, Diagonals—the latest styles and newest weaves.

Ten Per Cent Off Furs and Coats

A Reminder

You've only a few days for your Christmas Shopping, so buy where you can get what you want for the least outlay of time and money.

THAT'S AT OUR STORE.



Store Facts

We're both Phone and Mail order. In, phone your order. We do everything in our power to please you. If we make mistakes, tell us.

WE'LL GLADLY CORRECT THEM.